

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION:

Claims 23-25 have been added. Claims 1-11 and 16-25 are pending and under consideration.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103:

Claims 1-11 and 16-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yacoub (U.S. Patent 6,552,813), in view of Carpenter et al. (U.S. Patent 6,477,581).

Yacoub

Using claim 1 as an example, this claim recites resource information processing means for taking out the content of said resource information managing means in response to a request of information relating to usable hardware or software from another computer. Although the Examiner has not been specific, he appears to rely upon column 6, lines 50-54 of Yacoub, which state that a command menu or GUI pops up on the user's screen so that the user can select parameters of the print job. However, this reference does teach that the resource information processing means is an element of the first computer. Instead, the GUI may be generated by the user's station or computer.

Carpenter

The Examiner admits that Yacoub does not teach connecting means capable of connecting and disconnecting a computer. Instead, the Examiner relies upon column 1, line 62 to column 2, line 9 of Carpenter as providing the necessary motivation to combine this reference with Yacoub. However, this portion simply states that there is a need for improvements in connection systems. Thus, this alleged motivation relates to improving an already-existing connection, not establishing a new connection.

Furthermore, although Carpenter teaches acquiring a geographic location, this geographic location relates to the geographic location of the data processor 10B. Thus, this reference does not teach position in the real world of hardware or software, as claimed.

New Claim 23

New independent claim 23 recites "selecting the hardware or software according to the hardware or software information, comprising providing the hardware or software information to a user, the user selecting one of the hardware or software according to the hardware of software information." In contrast, Yacoub stores information, and a resource is automatically selected according to parameters set by the user's computer. A geographical position in the real world of the printer is notified to the user computer only after a print job is completed. Thus, the user does not select the hardware or software. Carpenter similarly does not teach or suggest this feature.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

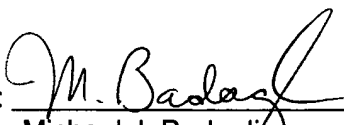
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

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